# PATENT APPLICATION

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67041

Takefumi NAGATA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/985,828

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No.: 4525

Examiner: Barry CHOOBIN

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APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY SETTING MEASUREMENT REFERENCE

ELEMENT AND MEASURING GEOMETRIC FEATURE OF IMAGE

### RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 presently stands rejected. Claims 2-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in their independent forms.

## **Preliminary Matters**

As preliminary matters, the Examiner has approved the drawings filed on November 6, 2001. Additionally, the Examiner has returned the initialed form PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 6, 2001. Also, the Examiner